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The 9th Kanazawa University Homecoming Day Ceremony

On November 1, 2015, the 9th Kanazawa University Homecoming Day was held at the Kakuma campus with more than 170 participants, including alumni, their families, faculty and staff members.

At the beginning of the welcome ceremony, President Koetsu Yamazaki delivered a welcome address. This was followed by a congratulatory address by Chairman of Kanazawa University Alumni Association, Tamotsu Yamade (Faculty of Letters and Law, 1954) . The



chairman remarked; "Every member of the Alumni Association wishes for the further development of his or her alma mater."

Then, Trustee and Vice President, Chisato Mukai, gave up-to-date information on the university, including its latest research projects and activities.

At the end of the Ceremony, Professor Wang Anlin, Chairman of the Alumni Association in China, who completed the Graduate Course of Natural Sciences in 1993, made a speech on his experience as a student and on his life after graduation.



The Mori-no-miyako Boys and Girls Choir sang Mori ni Hairo (Let's Go into the Forest), a theme song for the Kakuma forest. This song was created as theme music for the specified non-profit corporation, Kakuma Satoyama Mirai, and was presented for the first time at Kanazawa University. Kuma Satoyama Mirai is supporting Kanazawa University's Satoyama conservation project.



▲ Koetsu YAMAZAKI
President



▲ Tamotsu YAMADE
Chairman of Kanazawa
University Alumni Association



▲ Chisato MUKAI
Vice President



▲ WANG Anlin
Chairman of the Alumni
Association in China

Lecture



▲ Yasuo SUZUKI
President of ARRK Corporation
(Faculty of Engineering, 1970)

In the memorial lecture session, Mr. Yasuo Suzuki, President of ARRK Corporation, delivered a lecture entitled "Business Reformation: Key to its Success and Failure."

His lecture focused on what he encountered when business of the company where he had worked met failures and what he learned in reconstructing companies in which he was directly involved in Japan and overseas.

He told us that important factors in managing and operating a company are selecting and focusing on the

business fields, fostering employees' sense of belonging to the company, and pursuing the optimum conditions of the entire company rather than those of individual departments.



The 5th Executive Meeting of Kanazawa University Alumni Association

After the memorial lecture, the 5th Executive Meeting of Kanazawa University Alumni Association was held in the same room.

First, an election took place to select executives for the next period. Chairman, Vice Chairman, Representative Trustee, Trustees and Auditors were selected. Their service term starts in November, 2015, and lasts for 2 years. The current Chairman, Mr. Yamade, was reelected unanimously.

Representative Trustee Hiroshi Yamamoto (Kanazawa University Trustee and Vice President) reported the addition of two alumni associations—one in Thailand and the other in China.



▲ A snapshot of the Executive Meeting

Banquet

In the evening, a banquet was held at the South Restaurant of the University Cooperative.

At the party, pasta with herbs from the university herb garden and Kanazawa University Co-op's original Japanese rice wine, Kakuma no Sato, were served along with other dishes.

Dr. Acep Purqon joined the banquet as Chairman of the Alumni Association in Indonesia, established in January, 2016, and spoke about his resolution for the association's activities as a representative of the fifth alumni association outside of Japan.

Thereafter, some of the alumni volunteers sang the university song and dormitory song in a uniform happi coat; everyone had a blast.



▲ Acep PURQON
Chairman of the Alumni
Association in Indonesia

▼ Alumni singing the school song
and dormitory song



The 4th International Student Homecoming Day Symposium



On November 1, 2015, "The Forth International Student Homecoming Day Symposium" took place together with the Ninth Homecoming Day, and approximately 100 persons including international alumni and international students from inside and outside the university.

At the beginning, Vice President Hiroshi Yamamoto delivered a welcome address.

This was followed by the presentations by our alumni, Dr. Pastsakorn Kitiyodom, Chairman of Alumni Association in Thailand (currently Executive Director of Geotechnical & Foundation Engineering Co., Ltd), Prof. Anlin Wang, Chairman of Alumni Association in China (currently the Director of School Construction Machinery, Tongji University), and Assoc. Prof. Acep

Purqon, Chairman of Alumni Association in Indonesia (currently an associate professor of Bandung Institute of Technology) established in January, 2016.

To participants' surprise, Mr. Hiroshi Hase, the Minister of MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology), stopped by the Symposium. Many international students enjoyed active conversations. The Homecoming Day Symposium and the subsequent luncheon party were closed with a promise of another meeting in the next year.